

From the Pastor

The Seven Deadly Sins:

Wrath, part 3

Dante puts the wrathful in the fifth circle of hell. He says that sinful anger takes two forms: when it is violent and hateful, he calls it wrath. When it is passive or suppressed, he calls it sullenness. In his vision, he finds both the wrathful and the sullen at the River Styx, which the Greeks thought to be the stream that flows through the underworld. The wrathful are stuck in it as in a marsh, endlessly fighting each other, hitting out and biting, and unable to stop or escape. The sullen are just below the marsh's surface, always seeking to rise to the light, but only gasping and never getting there. As the poet Virgil, Dante's guide in hell, says, "Once they were bathed in the light of the sun; now they live in the muck and mire and wish they had never been born." Don't give in to wrath!



10:00am Mass Ad Orientem
Good Shepherd
Saint Stanislaus

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Saint of the Week

2 March

Saint Agnes of Prague

Agnes was a descendant of Saint Wenceslas and a cousin of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary. She received a convent education from ages three to eight, and then was sent to the Austrian imperial court to be groomed for a royal match. Although that proposed marriage fell through, there was no shortage of suitors for Agnes' hand. When she was twenty-eight, Agnes' brother clinched a marriage deal with the aged Emperor Frederick. Agnes countered with a letter from the pope supporting her decision to enter religious life. When he was told of this, Frederick said, "If she had spurned me for a mortal man, I should have made my vengeance felt, but I cannot take offense if she prefers the King of Heaven to me." Thus freed, Agnes completed a house for the newly formed Franciscan friars in Prague. The friars put her in contact with Saint Clare of Assisi, and the women became fast friends through letters. Clare called Agnes her "half-self." When Agnes built a convent of Poor Clares, Clare sent four of her own nuns there to make the foundation. Agnes herself served as abbess, but she embraced the most menial tasks, cooking, cleaning and mending. The lepers at the hospital that she had founded were her special love. Agnes was revered as a saint not long after her death in 1280, but it was not until 1989 that Saint John Paul II officially canonized her.

Saint Agnes of Prague, pray for us!

Bible Study

There will be Bible Study in the Parish Hall on the 3rd of March at 6:30pm

From the Pastor Cont..

Respect Life Ministry

“Sometimes our actions speak for themselves; other times, words are needed. Whatever the situation, Jesus knows how to speak to each person’s heart; we simply need to follow where he leads.”

~USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “How to Build a Culture of Life,” www.usccb.org/culture-of-life

Respect Life Prayer Intention:

For our culture; may we listen to God and follow His call to cherish every person’s life.

Diaper Drive continues through March 9th:

St. Stan’s schoolchildren are conducting a disposable diaper drive. Any size is fine, but sizes 4, 5, and 6 are the most needed. The diapers collected will be given to Catholic Social Services for distribution to needy families. Donations can be left in the school lobby or in the collection bin in the church narthex. Thank you

Save the Dates

The next Respect Life Prayer Service will be on Saturday, March 3rd at 8:45am. Deacon Tim will lead us in praying the Pro-Life Stations of the Cross. All are welcome.

March 17th 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil

You are invited to join us in the 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil at the abortion clinic in Attleboro. This is the last abortion clinic in the Fall River Diocese. This quiet but powerful witness saves lives. Stay for as long or short a time as you like. We will leave from the Good Shepherd parking lot at 10:00am (after Stations of the Cross at Saint Stan’s) Carpooling is available. For more information, please call Donna Lapointe 401-624-3796

40 Days For Life Prayer Campaign February 14 – March 25

Please join your prayers with those who are praying, fasting, and standing vigil at clinics around the country and around the world. Please visit www.usccb.org for more information.

Good Shepherd Parish Food Pantry

Donations of non-perishable food items are always welcome.

The food pantry is available to anyone in need while the parish office is open or by appointment.

Youth Group Schedule

3/12 6:30-8:30pm meeting

3/26 5:30-6:30pm adoration; 6:30-9:00pm movie night and meeting

Movie Night with Father Leonard
Monday, March 26th 6:30pm
In the Parish hall.
Adoration before the movie from 5:30-6:30
All are welcome!

Good Shepherd Parish
Save the Date:

March 17th Corned Beef and Cabbage

THE ANNUAL FALL RIVER AREA LENTEN MISSION will take place from **Feb. 26-March 1**. It will be led this year by the Most Reverend Robert C. Evans, Auxiliary Bishop of Providence. The theme of this year's Mission is **"THE TEMPTATIONS OF CHRIST IN 2018"**. The Mission will take place each evening at 7:00pm with Mass and the Mission talk, preceded by the availability of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) each evening at 6:00pm. The locations for the Mission are: Monday, Feb 26, St. Bernadette Parish, Fall River; Tuesday, February 27, St. John of God Parish, Somerset; Wednesday, Feb 28, St Bernard Parish, Assonet; and Thursday, March 1, St Anthony of the Desert Parish, Fall River. **INVITE FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS. SPREAD THE WORD.** It's a great way to fulfill your mission to bring the Good News of

IT'S GAME TIME!!! Do you enjoy playing board games such as Scrabble, Monopoly, or Parcheesi? On March 11, 2018 from 2-4pm we'll be playing board games in St. Bernadette's Parish Hall. There is no charge and you're free to bring your own refreshments. If you have a particular board game you'd like to play bring it with you. Based on the preference of those in attendance will determine what game we'll play that day. If you have any further questions please contact Karen Plichta at 508-673-2374.